

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 5 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 4 and 5 are amended. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments:

(a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution; (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. The Drawings Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the drawings as not showing every feature of the claims.

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to obviate this rejection. Specifically, the Office Action states that Fig. 2 does not disclose the displacement created between the outer surface of the shaft and the inner surface of the inner ring abutting the outer surface of the shaft. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to recite that the outer surface of the inner race abuts the outer surface of the shaft.

II. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to claims 4 and 5 due to informalities. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to obviate these objections.

**III. The Claims Satisfy the Requirements of
35 U.S.C. §112, First and Second Paragraphs**

The Office Action rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Claims 4 and 5 have been amended to recite the outer surface of the inner race abuts the outer surface of the shaft.

Applicant directs the Examiner's attention to the specification, at page 2, line 33 – page 3, line 8.

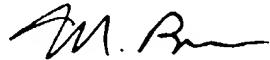
The specification clearly describes displacing of the races.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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